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In Re Application of : May 13, 2002  
Y. Nakamura, et al : Group Art No.: 2155  
Serial No. 09/337,181 : Examiner: K. Dinh  
Filed: June 21, 1999 : for IBM Corporation  
Anne Vachon Dougherty  
Title: MESSAGE MULTICAST 3173 Cedar Road  
METHOD AND COMPUTER Yorktown Hts, NY 10598

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2002 for the above-identified patent application. The period for response is set to expire on May 13, 2002, due to the fact that May 12, 2002 fell on a Sunday during which the Patent Office was not open. Therefore, this is a response within the three month statutory period and no additional fee is due. In response to the Office Action, the Applicants wish to submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims, amend Claims 1, 10, 15, 19 and 20 as set forth on the following pages.

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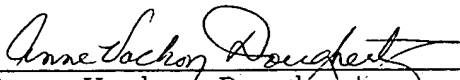
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